



Been There, Haven't Done That Itinerary

This itinerary is ideal for anyone who has been to the Hershey & Harrisburg Region many times, but never like this. Let us take you on the path less traveled to discover the hidden gems of our area. This tour can be conducted year-round with the addition of some seasonal options listed at the bottom of this itinerary.

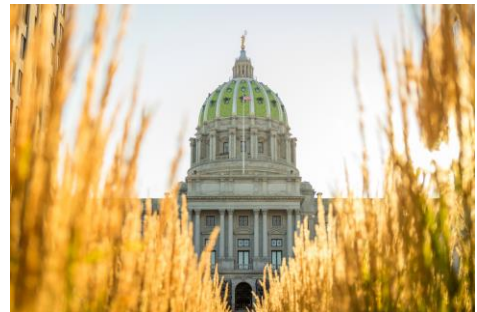
National Civil War Museum

As one of the largest museums in the world dedicated solely to the American Civil war, the NCWM is unique in its approach of telling a complete story of this most troubled chapter in American history from the social, political, and personal perspectives of the day. TripAdvisor users ranked this #1 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).



PA Capitol Complex Tour

This National Historic Landmark is the most recognizable feature of the Harrisburg skyline. Dedicated in 1906 at the cost of \$13 million, the Capitol is considered a Palace of Art, with massive bronze doors that welcome visitors into the main rotunda highlighted with a grand imperial staircase similar to the one in the famous [Palais Garnier](#) (Paris Opera House) in Paris, France. Renaissance designs throughout, including giant murals by [Violet Oakley](#), the first American woman to receive a public mural commission, are capped by a spectacular dome that is a 1/3 scale replica of the one on St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. TripAdvisor users ranked this #2 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).



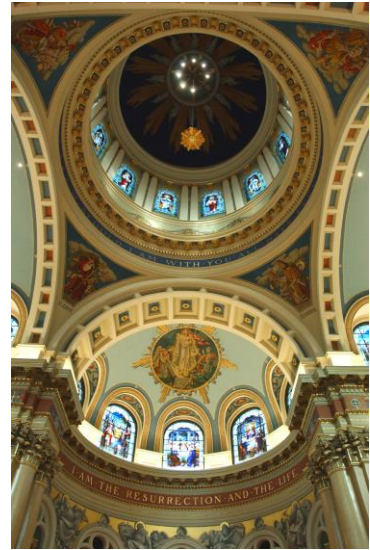
The State Museum on Pennsylvania

Filled with Pennsylvania's rich history from Earth's beginnings to present day, the museum features a newly restored Marshall's Creek Mastodon Skeleton and the largest epic Civil War battle scene ever painted on a single canvas by Peter F. Roethermel in 1870 entitled "Battle of Gettysburg: Pickett's Charge" located within the museum's permanent exhibit “Objects of Valor: Commemorating the Civil War in PA.” TripAdvisor users ranked this #7 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).



Cathedral of St. Patrick

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick is a Catholic Church located near the PA Capitol Complex and serves as the motherchurch of the Diocese of Harrisburg and the seat of its bishop. The majestic structure, completed in 1907, is a contributing property in the [Harrisburg Historic District](#) on the National Register of Historic Places, and was designed in the Baroque Revival style with Renaissance Revival influences and capped with a classically influenced dome. Forty-four stained glass windows in the nave were imported from Munich, Germany, and the original altar was patterned after the Bernini altar found in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. The original pulpit featured carved figures that were patterned after a fresco found in the Roman Catacombs which showed the four evangelists with the Lamb of God standing on the Mystic mount. TripAdvisor users ranked this #12 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).



Broad Street Market

The Broad Street Market is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest continuously operated market houses in the country. Founded in 1860 and used to feed the civil war troops training at nearby Camp Curtain, this market today serves as the hub of Harrisburg's Midtown District with 40 vendors offering locally-grown and organic produce, meats, baked goods, and freshly prepared meals. Market managers work to preserve the historic legacy and cultural diversity of the market in addition to serving the community with food-centered educational events. TripAdvisor users ranked this #14 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).



Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center (H*MAC)

Located in the heart of Harrisburg's historic Old Midtown district, H*MAC is a 34,000-sq. ft. multi-venue arts and entertainment complex. The structure dates to the early 1900s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. The renovations to this property in 2007 marked the start of an overarching grand vision by community leaders and developers to reclaim and repurpose many of Harrisburg's elegant historic structures in this area of the city. Therefore, the H*MAC project has become one of the cornerstones of the revitalization of Midtown Harrisburg and today houses three multi-purpose venues, providing patrons with a variety of options for dining, entertainment, and enjoyment of the arts. H*MAC was named *Tourism Business of the Year* for 2016 by the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau.

Midtown Scholar Book Store

This unique book store, located in a renovated 1920s theater next to Harrisburg's historic Broad Street Market was named "13 Independent Bookstores Every Booklover Should Visit in the U.S." by Travel + Leisure Magazine in 2017 and "America's Great Independent Bookstores" and voted "Simply the Best" Independent Bookstore in the region for 9 years running. This bookstore-cafe has more than 100,000 used, rare, and sale-priced books on six floors in two connected buildings. Thanks to special arrangements with several University presses, the shop also features tens of thousands of discounted NONFICTION scholarly titles, including many not available for purchase anywhere online. Their FICTION wing and expanded Children's and YA sections opened in June 2012 and "Robinson's Rare Books and Art Prints" opened on September 9, 2012.



The Millworks & Artist Studios

The Millworks earned the recognition of *Tourism Business of the Year* in 2015 from the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau with its combination of restaurant, biergarten, micro-brewery, and artist studios. The 24,000-square-foot mixed-use venue opened in March 2015 in the former Stokes Millworks and features a 160-seat restaurant focusing on authentic and sustainable food sourced from local growers and producers, a full-service bar featuring local brews, wines & spirits; plus 35 [regional artists'](#) studios onsite. The facility will be named as a National Park Service Registry of Historic Places and the architecture & design includes repurposed lumber for furnishings & interior construction, lighting from the Broad Street Market from 1920's, a portion of a Pennsylvania railroad car on display in the dining area, and the wood-fired oven constructed of bricks from an 1830's farmhouse in nearby Perry County.



Pennsylvania National Fire Museum

The National Fire Museum, located in an 1899 Victorian Fire House, features displays from the Hand and Horse-drawn era to motorized apparatus from 1911 through 1947. Learn the interesting facts about this service and how things we take for granted today like fire alarms and hydrants evolved over the years, plus fire safety education for children and an operational Gamewell Alarm Room that dates to the 1800's. TripAdvisor users ranked this #13 for "Top Things to do in Harrisburg" (2016).



Indian Echo Caverns

Visitors experience the 440 million-year-old underground labyrinth of tunnels, lakes, and rock formations including the “Indian Ballroom” on a 45-minute tour. Hear the fascinating true story of William Wilson, “The Pennsylvania Hermit” who lived in the caverns for 19 years from 1802-1821.



Antique Auto Museum in Hershey

The Antique Automobile Club of America Museum is a World Class Automobile Experience, in association with the Smithsonian Institution that allows visitors to cruise through time among eight decades of antique automobiles, buses, motorcycles and memorabilia set in landscapes from New York to San Francisco.



SEASONAL OPTIONS

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park (*Seasonal*)

Since 1965 this family-owned and operated attraction has captivated visitors with a safari experience where you can feed a variety of free-range animals like elk, bulls, long-horned steer and white-tailed deer, from the safety of your guided tour bus. The 150-acre property is home to roughly 500 exotic animals and birds with educational programs, petting zoo area, and more.

Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Cruise (*Seasonal*)

Cruise the Susquehanna River on one of the last remaining paddle-wheel riverboats in America. The Pride of the Susquehanna is an authentic stern-driven paddle wheeler built in 1988 to offer scenic views of the Harrisburg skyline from both the lower and upper deck. TripAdvisor users ranked this #10 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).

Fort Hunter Mansion & Park Tour (*Seasonal*)

Experience life in Victorian times with professionally guided tours of Fort Hunter Mansion and connect to the natural beauty at the 40-acres park along the scenic Susquehanna River. Experience bygone days when everything was homemade and learn how the upper class lived in Harrisburg dating back to 1725. This site includes 10 structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remnants of the old Pennsylvania Canal Trail with a free walking tour brochure, museum shop, and picnic areas. TripAdvisor users ranked this #3 for “Top Things to do in Harrisburg” (2016).